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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SCHIMETTA ET AL.

Examiner

Tai Van Nguyen

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 July 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. The applicants' amendment filed 7/2/2007 has been fully considered and made of record.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 10-13 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Horiuchi et al (US 5,737,191).

As applied to claims 10 and 16, Horiuchi et al disclose a method, comprising: connecting a circuit carrier (e.g. 116) to a component (e.g. 112) via contacts (e.g. 120) which place the component at a distance from the circuit carrier; applying a foil (e.g. 134) to the component and the circuit carrier; metallizing the foil (e.g. 136); and placing a solder bump (e.g. 126) as a contact element on a first side of the circuit carrier on which the component is arranged alongside the component, the solder bump projecting beyond away from the circuit carrier beyond a furthest point of the component from the circuit carrier (see Fig. 11 + 12).

As applied to claims 11 and 17, Horiuchi et al disclose the metallizing of the foil includes electrically strengthening metallization (e.g. 136) of the foil.

As applied to claims 12 and 18, Horichi et al disclose comprising opening a window (e.g. 138) in the foil on a side of the component facing away from the circuit carrier.

As applied to claims 13 and 19, Horiuchi et al disclose wherein the component is a high-frequency component, especially an very-high frequency component as read as high performance electronic package (see column 1, lines 17-19).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 14, 15, 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horiuchi in view of Buckley, III et al (US 5,477,082).

As applied to claims 14 and 20, Horiuchi et al disclose all of the limitations of the claimed invention except that the further comprising mounting a passive component on the circuit carrier.

However, Buckley et al teach mounting a passive component (e.g. 32, 41)) on the circuit carrier as PCB (e.g. 30).

As applied to claims 15 and 21, Buckley et al discloses the mounting of the passive component occurs on a second side opposite the first side of the circuit carrier (see Fig. 2) on which the high-frequency component is connected.

As applied to claims 22 and 23, Buckley further teaches metallizing of the foil includes galvanically strengthening metallization of the foil (column 6, lines 20-27).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at this time the invention was made to have modified the method of Horiuchi et al by utilizing the piezoelectric, as taught by Buckley to positively provide interconnect distance between two die mounted in separate packages (column 2, lines 21-24).

### ***Response to Arguments***

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 10-23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of


the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tai Van Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4567. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30 A.M - 4:30 P.M).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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TN. August 15, 2007



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